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Jesudas at odds with church

Coimbatore (IBS) - Play-back singerK. J. Jesudas is once again involved in a religious row, this time with his own church in Trivandrum which has refused to baptise his second son.

Some time ago he was involved in a row with the Hindu orthodoxy as Jesudas, born a Roman Catholic, started singing in Hindu temples and attracted large crowds. A Hindu challenged his right to sing in a temple festival in Kerala and the case went up to the Kerala High Court which declared that so long as a man says he has faith in Hinduism he must be deemed to be a Hindu. This established the right of Jesudas to sing in the Hindu temple festivals in Kerala.

Now, his church has refused to baptise his second son on the grounds that he was following Hindu religious rites. Jesudas told newsmen that he believed in the existence of God, in the universality of all religions as well as in the universality of all music. "God, like music, cannot have any barriers of race, language or creed," he said.

Jesudas said that although he was brought up by his father as a Christian, he felt that it stood in the way of his living and thoughts. When his first son was born, he was not particular that he should be initiated into any religion, Hindu or Christian. But due to pressure of his relatives he had allowed his first son to be baptised as a Christian at his church in Trivandrum. Recently, he said, when his second son was taken to the St. Benedict Church in Trivandrum by his relatives, the authorities refused to baptise the child.

He was asked whether it was due to the fact that he went on regular annual pilgrimage to Sabarimalai temple to worship Lord Ayyappa, observing all the vows and rituals, that his son was refused baptism. Jesudas said it was true that he was a regular visitor to the Sabarimalai Temple where he felt thrilled to be one among millions of devotees who lived without any distinction of caste, creed or status. But he had been going on this pilgrimage even before his first son was born and if the first was acceptable to the church, why not the second, he asked.

Jesudas said he was not particular whether his son was baptised or not, what he would challenge as a matter of principle was whether a church can punish an innocent baby for certain views held by his father. He said it was his inherent right to have freedom of thought and evaluate religions according to his convictions. If because of this factor his son was denied baptism he had no regrets.

Now it gave him an opportunity to bring up his son a true citizen having faith in human qualities.

The singer vowed that he shall ceaselessly fight the self-appointed agents of God who, without the least scruples, misuse religion for their own nefarious ends.

Maruti report indicts Indira

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: In its 500-page report submitted to the government of India, the Maruti Commission of Inquiry is reported to have indicted the former Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi and five former Chief Ministers.

Justice A.C. Gupta, a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court, who headed the Commission, is reported to have said in his report that Mrs. Gandhi had allowed her office to be misused to promote the business interests of her son, Mr. Sanjay Gandhi, in his small car project called Maruti.

Bansil Lal, former Chief Minister of Haryana, had shown undue interest in the Maruti affairs as evident in his rule in the allotment of land and in the grant of Industrial licence for the project.

The other former Chief ministers who favoured Mr. Gandhi by gividng government contracts for road rollers and bus body building for the Maruti company are: N.D. Tiwari (UP), H.D. Joshi (Rajasthan), Zial Singh (Punjab) and Ram Lal (H.P.)

The main charge against Mrs. Gandhi was that she took undue interest in the affairs of her son's business venture and that Mr. Sanjay Gandhi was allowed to take advantage of her position and use her official residence for promoting his business interest. Ministers and officials were induced to help the firm and those who did not oblige were proceeded against or harassed.

The Commission is reported to have also pointed out that Mrs. Gandhi had stayed a security plan for defence installation at Gurgaon to help her son's factory complex to come up in its neighbourhood. Certain restrictions imposed by the defence ministry in 1968 in the area were not allowed to be implemented in favour of the Maruti project.

The Commission has also found evidence of irregularities on a large scale in the financial affairs of the company. Mr. Sanjay Gandhi has also been accused of making false and misleading statements and violating the law on several occasions.

The report also refers to the high-handed methods used to evict farmers from their land to provide land to the Maruti company. The company also made false statements to obtain loans from nationalised banks.

Sanjay Gandhi was the Managing Director of the company and Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, wife of his brother, was one of the share holders. In some of the documents to the government Mr. Gandhi's qualifications were shown as "mechanical engineer" and a "qualified and experienced technician". In this connection the report referred to a letter from M/S Rolls-Royce confirming that he received from them only an "ordinary national certificate, "a minor qualification, after having partly completed his apprenticeship.

Second satellite launched

New Delhi, June 18 (UNI) - India's second satellite - "Bhaskara" - was hurled into space at 4 p.m. (IST) June 7 from a Soviet cosmodrome for earth observations.

The satellite is functioning normally, according to telemetry data received at the ground stations at Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh), Ahmedabad and Bangalore, in India, and Bears Lake near Moscow, shortly after the successful launching.

The 444 kg experimental satellite, designed and built by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) contains sophisticated instruments for carrying out remote-sensing experiments over India using TV camera and microwave radiometers.

The launching of Bhaskara four years after the launching of Aryabhata in April 1975 has been hailed by Indian and Soviet leaders as another milestone in Indo-Soviet cooperation in space research.

Bhaskara's experiments will be useful in forestry, hydrology, snow-cover and snow-melt, geology, soils, land use and ocean surface studies. About 20 agencies are involved in experiments for use of data from the satellite.

Property declaration time limit extended

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India is understood to have extended the time-limit for the declaration of property held in India by non-resident Indians and those of Indian origin abroad until December 1979.

This concession has been given in order to remove certain difficulties experienced by these people following the enforcement of the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act of 1973 as represented by them to the government.

The procedure has also been simplified to help those who could not declare their properties in India obtained between 1974 and 1976.

The Reserve Bank would also permit an authorised agent to collect rent on behalf of his non-resident relatives abroad on the property in India.

Non-resident Indians would also be allowed to open bank accounts in India jointly with their close relatives which could be operated by the latter.

In a bid to decentralise the work, regional branches of the Reserve Bank have been authorised to deal with the subject which would also be helpful to the people concerned.

Violence in Lucknow

Lucknow, June 12 (UNI) - Parts of Lucknow, capital of the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, were placed under indefinite curfew early May 27 morning in the wake of violence and arson that followed clashes between traders and police.

About 100 persons, including 15 policemen, were injured in the incidents as the traders agitation against sales tax took a violent turn with an irate mob, allegedly protesting against a raid by a special survey squad of the sales tax department on a shop, attacked a police station and razed a post office.

The sales tax squad had slipped into the police station after a mob had collected outside the shop. The mob, which surrounded the police station, was asked to disperse or face a cane charge.

Girl tops IPS

New Delhi (IBS) - Miss Aditi Ghosh has topped the list of successful candidates for appointment to the Indian Police Services (IPS) and other police services. The third and sixth positions in the merit list have also gone to girls - Miss Deepa Gopalan and Miss Emily Das.

Devi Lal claims backing

Chandigarh, June 18 (UNI) - Haryana Chief Minister Devi Lal said that there was no political crisis in the state since he commanded an "overwhelming" majority in the legislature party.

Talking to newsmen here Devi Lal, however, offered to support any ministry if it implemented his three-point programme of stress on rural industries, matching grants for villages and dairy development on the national level.

He said if these conditions were accepted he and his supporters would back any ministry. This was the only way to bring about stability in the Janata ruled states, he added.

Devi Lal brushed aside the dissidents' claim that 43 MLAs were in their camp. He said that Lal Singh, whose name was included in the list of dissidents was with him.

A major political crisis developed in Haryana with the sudden resignation of four ministers from the Devi Lal Cabinet. The dissidents have also claimed the support of 43 out of 75 Janata Party legislators.

Charan's advice

New Delhi (IBS) - Finance Minister Charan Singh has advised the people not to use toilet soap as "it is harmful to the oil in the skin." Talking to a group of trainees in journalism, Charan Singh, who put addition duties on soaps in this year's budget, said that the people should make "proper use" of water to wash the dirt off.

The Finance Minister said that he himself did not use toilet soap except on Holi when he needed the soap to rub off colours.

Desai warns cops

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) - The policemens agitation spread to the western Indian state of Maharashtra and Prime Minister Morarji Desai warned that the government would take stern action to tackle the situation.

Speaking to newsmen in Kakdwip, in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, Mr. Desai said a section of police was trying to create disturbances in the country but the Government would not succumb to their pressure.

Mr. Desai said the Government was determined to solve the problem arising out of the agitation, keeping in view the national interest.

In Maharashtra, policemen in Nagpur city shouted slogans in front of three police stations in support of their demands. Four policemen and a municipal corporator, a former constable, were detained, police said. An unsigned statement by the "Vidharbha Police Sanghatna (Vidharbha Region Police Association)" urged the policemen not to accept their salaries for the month as a mark of protest.

In the eastern Indian state of Orissa, the strike by the 7th battalion of the Orissa Military Police (OMP), as the force in the state is called, which began May 27 in the state capital of Bhubaneshwar, spread to Berhampur city, 150 km south of the capital, May 28. About 150 constables of the Armed Reserve Police and the OMP took out a procession in Puri city May 27 night and handed over a memorandum to the Superintendent of Police. The government, meanwhile, reiterated that it was "fully conscious" of the policemens problems and their demands were receiving "urgent and earnest" consideration. An official press note issued in Bhubaneshwar, May 28 night said it was necessary to "wait for discussions" at the national level before any decisions were taken.

Anti-conversion bill condemned

By George Mathew

New Delhi: The Minorities Commission has condemned the anti-conversion bill which is awaiting the consideration of Parliament.

The Bill entitled "Freedom of Religion Bill" introduced by a private member belonging to the ruling Janata Party has been subjected to severe attack from all the minority communities, particularly the Christians.

In the opinion of the Commission the Bill could become "a potent means of harassing honest persons exercising no more than their fundamental right in regard to the profession, practice and propagation of their religion."

The Commission found Christian opinion the strongest against the Bill, particularly in Kerala. It has felt that the Bill has been badly drafted and should not be accepted by the government.

Although the Bill is said to uphold the "Fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution to profess, practice and propagate religion of one's choice", it seeks to protect persons belonging to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes from conversion by threat, undue influence, allurement or wrongful inducement.

The Commission felt that "neither the prevalance of such nefarious practice nor the inadequacy of existing laws to deal with them has been established in the Bill" to make it a necessary legislation.

Under the definitions for threat, allurement etc. given in the Bill even "the threat of divine displeasure" which was part of the stock-in-trade of a certain type of harmless religious exhortations would become a congisable offence, the Commission said.

In its opinion "inducement" was so comprehensively defined as to include "the grant of any benefit, either pecuniary or otherwise, and could be interpreted to rule out even benefits of intellectual or spiritual enlightenment such as religious preachers profess to offer.

The anti-conversion measures have had the effect of blowing up a non-issue into a source of misunderstanding, suspicion and conflict among the followers of different religions in the country. It has also had the effect of casting undeserved aspersions on the motives and activities of persons engaged in educational and charitable work, the Commission said.

M.Ps. Team

Meanwhile a group of Christian M.Ps visited Arunachal Pradesh where a similar legislation was reported to have been abused. The MPs team has found that physical torture, discrimination and harassment were resorted to in order to force the Christians return to their original faiths.

The team recorded evidence after interviewing government employees, students, politicians, village leaders etc. belonging to all faiths and also some of those who were jailed for professing Christianity.

Two Christians who suffered jail term told the team that they were forced to sign statements denouncing Christianity while in custody, but they never gave up their faith.

They were also in possession of documentary evidence where Christians were denied permission to build churches while temples were being built under government patronage.

While Christian educational and other institutions were not allowed in the state, the Ramakrishna Mission, Sarada mission, Vivekananda Kendra etc., belonging to the Hindus were given grant-in-aid and the government spent about Rs. 8 crores during the last two years on this account.

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Radio autonomy criticised

New Delhi (IBS) - A mountain in labour has produced a mouse. This has been the general reaction to the Janata Government's much published bill introduced in Parliament giving to All India Radio and Doordarshan (TV) what Government calls "autonomy".

There has been widespread criticism of the bill from politicians, media men, staff associations etc. Newspapers in general have editorially lambasted the Janata Government's idea of "autonomy" to these two powerful media.

The members of the Varghese Committee, named after Veteran Journalist George Verghese, appointed by the Government to go into the question of autonomy for AIR and Doordarshan, have themselves criticised the Prasar Bharati Bill which, they say, seeks to give more power to the executives instead of granting real autonomy.

In a Press statement they say: "Instead of the genuine autonomy for broadcasting the country was promised, the Bill offers something emasculated and confined, with the executive continuing as the dominant influence."

The fact that under the bill the government has taken sweeping powers, and it is also directly represented on the board by the senior most officials of the Information and Broadcasting and Finance Ministries will make it appear that the government will still be responsible even for day-to-day matters.

"The Prasar Bharati structure is identical to that any other manufacturing, trading or service corporation in the public sector, ignoring the uniqueness, sensitivity and reach of the broadcast media which, being different, should be treated differently, says the statement.

AUTONOMY DILUTED

The bill provides for the issue of directives to the Prasar Bharati by the Central Government "as it may think necessary from time to time". There is no attempt to define and limit the scope of these directives as a safeguard against indiscriminate and politically motivated governmental intervention.

The provision that the directives will be placed before Parliament is offered as a sufficient check against governmental misuse of its powers. But the danger here is obvious. Given the wide expanse of the powers the Government has armed itself with under the bill, those who are put in charge of Prasar Bharati under the new "autonomous" dispensation may deem it prudent to be receptive even to directives which are not put down in writing, and so will lie beyond parliamentary scrutiny.

To dilute autonomy beyond recognition, the procedure for the appointment of the governing body of Prasar Bharati opens the way for Parliament overseeing its operation in day to day matters. Also, Prasar Bharati's accounts will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, instead of commercially as was proposed by the Verghese Working Group. Why this change except as added emphasis to ensure that the corporation feels and acts as a department of the government?

It is claimed by Government that the Government's reserve powers are necessary to correct aberrations in the working of Prasar Bharati. Can the Janata Government be so blissfully unaware that the public fears are justifiably all in the other direction - the misuse of powers by the political and bureaucratic authority? It is as a check against this that autonomy was to have provided the answer.

THE NEW SET-UP UP

The Governing Body will have a full time director-general and 7 to 11 part-time non-official members, selected from among persons of eminence in public life from the fields of education, literature, arts and journalism. Two departmental secretaries will be associated with them as ex-officio members. The Government has turned down the Verghese Committee's suggestion that the chairman's appointment be made by an impartial body consisting of the Chief Justice of India, the Lok Pal and the Chairman of UPSC. Instead, under the bill, the chairman will be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses of Parliament. This, in effect, means that his name will be put up by the Government of the day.

The Government has done well to accept the committee's recommendation for setting up a complaints board to serve roughly the same functions as the newly set up Press Council of India will exercise in regard to the print media.

Diesel-fuelled motor cycle

Indore (Madhya Pradesh), June 12 - (UNI) - A young automobile engineer here claims to have converted a motorcycle into a diesel driven vehicle by replacing the original petrol engine with an ordinary five horsepower diesel pump set, widely used by farmers for irrigation purposes.

Mr. Ferozuddin, 36, exhibiting the vehicle to newsmen here after completing its trial run between Indore and Bombay, a distance of more than 850 km in just twelve hours, said the maximum speed attained by the vehicle during the run was around 90 km per hour and its fuel consumption was 65 km per litre. He said only Rs 15 worth of diesel was used by him during the journey.

Dalai Lama's Mangolia visit religious

Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh), (UNI) - The Dalai Lama maintains that his coming visit to the Soviet Union is purely religious.

However, he may not be averse to granting audience to political leaders in the host countries.

"I am going to visit Russia on way to Mongolia for a purely religious purpose", he told UNI in an interview at his villa here.

The 44-year old former temporal head of six million Tibetans said that no meetings with political leaders in either country had been planned.

The Dalai Lama's trip begins with a stopover at Moscow on June 12 after which he proceeds to the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator to bless an "Asian Bhuddhists Conference for Peace," beginning on June 16.

The visit has caused some displeasure in Beijing (Peking) which sees in it a Soviet attempt to scuttle Chinese efforts to persuade the exiles return to Tibet.

A Chinese diplomat in New Delhi said on June 5 that the "conference has political content, although it appears on the surface to be religious in nature."

Asked if he thought his visit to Moscow would embarrass Indian authorities, the Dalai Lama replied: "I do not think so".

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Mrs. Pandit says what became "very distrubing" (after Mrs. Gandhi became Prime Minister) was a growing tendency by some people, obviously inspired from above, to eavesdrop on conversations of Members of Parliament in the Central Hall and carry distorted versions to Indira."

.... Indira easily believes tales of anything said against her and does not take criticism well....

Mrs. Pandit reproduces what Mrs. Gandhi had told her about Lal Bahadur Shastri, who succeeded Jawaharlal Nehru.

Immediately after becoming Prime Minister, Shastri met Mrs. Pandit and sought her blessings and cooperation as an "elder sister." Some time later, Mrs. Pandit repeated this to Mrs. Gandhi, who replied "with quite sarcasm," "I hope you will not trust him too much. He is about as reliable as a snake."

When Mrs. Gandhi became Prime Minister, Mrs. Pandit had commented to the press: "I hope that the task laid upon her would not prove too heavy for her frail hands."

She said "This was misinterpreted quite deliberately to irritate and annoy her. I had no doubt of her ability and, speaking frankly, thought her superior to some who had thrown their hats into the ring. The frailty of hands was symbolic.

"However, this was only the beginning of what was to be further distorted. To get an entry to the PM's house, one had only to spin a story that I was jealous of her — that I disapproved some actions of hers — and the door opened."

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Fifty-four year old Ananthakrishnan is presently the Director of the Zoological Survey of India. He will devote his fellowship to pursue his studies on "Ecology of Indian Thysanopetra."

JULLUNDUR-PRINTED DOLLARS SEIZED

New Delhi (IBS) - A leader of a gang of currency forgers and cheats has been arrested in Delhi, following complaints from Interpol and the arrest of a large number of Indians abroad for being in possession of fake US dollars.

No passport for Indira

New Delhi (IBS) — Former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi is not likely to get a passport she has applied for to visit France, Britain and the United States, according to authoritative sources here.

Although no firm decision has been taken, these sources pointed out that Mrs. Gandhi was required to appear in special courts being set up by the end of May to try offenders who had committed 'excesses' during the Emergency.

However, Mrs. Gandhi's TV programme in Paris is scheduled in October and there is enough time for the Government to give thought to this matter.

Selective human rights concern

Dharamsala (IBS) - The Dalai Lama, who is to visit Mongolia for about a week in the middle of June, has said that "President Jimmy Carter's concern for human rights, in a way, seems to be selective" because of the changed relations between the United States and China. "May be he (Carter) is not aware of the situation" in Tibet.

He said he would not seek the Russian leaders help, during his brief stopover in Moscow, to free Tibet from Chinese domination. "I am a buddhist and am going to Mongolia to attend the Asian Buddhist Conference." Relations between Tibet and Mongolia were centuries old and his name "Dalai" was originally given by the Mongolian chief.

A bridge on Arabian sea !

Bombay (IBS) — The ruler of Dubai has offered to build a 16-lane bridge over the Arabian Sea to connect Andheri, a western suburb, with the gateway of India in the south to ease Bombay's traffic problem. His only demand is that he be allowed to collect toll for 100 years.

Meanwhile, the ruler has selected Bombay to be the "vegetable market" for his country with purchases estimated at Rs. 130 million a year, all in dollars. Consequently the Maharashtra Government intends to grow "Dubai quality" vegetables in an area of 14,000 hectares spread over Thane, Pune, Kulaba, Kolahpur and Satara districts. Dubai will transport the vegetables from Bombay on its own.

Punjab wants small car plant

New Delhi (IBS) — The Punjab Government wants to set up a small car plant in the public sector and Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal has suggested to Industries Minister George Fernandez that the responsibility to manufacture light commercial vehicles and cars should be entrusted to Punjab Tractors, A State Government undertaking.

badal has pleaded that Punjab Tractors is one of the very few major organisations in the country which based its project on totally Indian know-how and technology.

In a short span of time, this organisation has augmented its turn-over and profitability and is putting up a captive Grey Iron Foundry at an outlay of Rs. 36 million financed entirely for resources. Even the World Bank has appreciated the contribution by Punjab Tractors the aspirations of developing countries.

India to reject U.S. plan

New Delhi (IBS) - India is unlikely to make any positive response to a new report suggesting a United States initiative to persuade India and Pakistan to agree to a nuclear weapon free zone for South Asia.

Under the reported proposal, India and Pakistan would be required to renounce acquisition of nucleal weapons and to accept international safeguards. In return the United States, the Soviet Union and China would undertake not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against the countries of the sub-continent.

According to informed sources here, the proposal, if its authors are seriously planning to set it afloat, will be rejected out of hand by New Delhi. These sources reiterate India's view that while this country has unilaterally decided against building a nuclear weapons capability it would not grant the nuclear weapons powers the right to dictate to others about what to do and what not to do. Anything that even remotely smacks of being discriminatory would be totally unacceptable to the Government.

Meanwhile, Dr. Subramaniam Swamy, a Janata Party Member of Parliament who had fled to the United States during the Emergency said in a statement that the US proposal "is fraudulent and something India will never accept." He described the concept of nuclear free zones as "mischievous."

Swamy said that the "growing nuclear capability of Pakistan has come in handy to the US and by blowing up Pakistan's nuclear threat out of all proportions, the US hopes to scare India into a safeguards agreement."

"Let the United States understand that the people of India are fully aware of the implications of a Pakistani bomb," he said, adding that in the geophysical context, a Pakistani nuclear capability would not significantly alter the national security of India. Pakistan's proximity to India makes their bomb futile and strategically invited a retaliation for which Pakistan would have no second-strike capability, Swamy said.

Clark Ministry may be friendlier

New Delhi (IBS) — A conservative government headed by Joe Clak would work to remove the "shadow that fell over Indo-Canadian relations" following India's peaceful atomic explosion in May 1974, according to expectations here.

Clark, who had visited Delhi in January last, had met Prime Minister Morarji Desai and External Affairs Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee.

During his stay here, Clark had also expressed his country's desire to have greater economic and technical cooperation with India.

Meanwhile, the "Statesman," in an editorial said: "Clark has no absolute majority, so that he will have to obtain the support of the new Democractic Party and Social Credit. The latter is an organisation of cranks, originally based in the prairies in the weird monetary theory of Major Douglas, but now also with its main support in Quebec.... Clark may also be something of a light-weight to as "Joe who"? His appeal for a society with two languages and cultures may have its effect, but is perhaps more easy to enunciate than to implement, without losing the support of the English-speaking majority."

Action plan for police

New Delhi, June17 (UNI) - A seven-point plan of action was evolved by State Chief Ministers to improve the service conditions and emoluments of policemen throughout the country.

After day-long deliberations, presided over by Union Home Minister H.M. Patel, a general consensus was achieved on the following points.

- Policemen should be permitted to form associations subject to certain restrictions specified by the National Police Commission in its iterim report.

- Machinery should be set up at district and state levels to provide a channel for quick redressal of the policemen's grievances.

- The system of orderlies should be abolished forthwith.

- The working hours of police constables should be rationalised and weekly-offs assured as far as possible. In any event, the states should consider giving them twenty or thirty days' additional leave which could be encashed to compensate them for loss of holidays.

- All state governments should take early steps to define "the status" of the constable in the state. States which have already set up commissions to go into this question should take steps to expedite their work and reach early decisions.

- Steps should be taken to see that the limit set by the seventh Finance Commission for providing housing facilities to policemen (58.7 per cent) is reached and a new target of 75 per cent set over the next five to ten years.

- Steps should be initiated to check any political interference in the police administration.

Prohibition order challeneged

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) - The Supreme Court has issued notice on writ petitions challenging the constitutional validity of notifications for enforcing prohibition in the Union Territory (federally administered area) of Pondicherry.

According to the petitions filed by G. Perumal Raju, a trader in toddy (country liquor) and I. Arokiasamy, a toddy tapper, the notifications sought to take away the basic right of workers to earn their livelihood and violated Article 19 of the Constitution.

It is contended that the orders will affect about 15,000 toddy tappers and 10,000 persons self-employed in toddy-tapping.

It is contended that according to the treaty of cession of the French establishment of Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yenam between the French and Indian Presidents, any constitutional changes after November 11, 1954 could only be with the wishes of the people.

Furthermore, there were about 20,000 French nationals in the territory who still followed French customs and traditions.

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THREE CHEERS

For many years complaints have persisted that immigration officials consistently discriminate against visitors from Third World countries. Many decent, innocent and genuine visitors to Canada have been arbitrarily and summarily deported from Canadian airports without even giving them a chance to say "hello" to their dear ones here, whom they intended to visit. Despite numerous complaints, no significant change in this racist practice has been noticed.

Now the new P.C. Immigration Minister, Ron Atkey who definitely gives the impression of being his own man unlike the previous ones who were the stooges of prejudiced civil servants, has stated in unequivocal terms that such treatment of Third World visitors should be ended. We congratulate the Minister for making such a sensible and bold statement. The statement, of course, is not enough. The implementation of this policy is in the hands of the same civil servants who were treating such visitors with contempt and prejudice. In order to help the Minister in fulfilling his promise we urge our readers to write to the Minister any past, present or future occurrences of such events with dates, names and other details.

The Minister has further stated that members of the visible minority groups should be recruited as immigration officials. We have, through our editorial columns, urged the Government to do this some years ago. So far no such effort has been made. Perhaps a determined Ron Atkey will be able to force the bureaucrats to implement this. Such appointments should not only be restricted to immigration officers in Canadian posts but also to Third World countries where Canada has immigration offices. There are any number of well qualified and capable members of visible minority groups with Canadian citizenship and firm commitment to Canada to work in these offices.

It will be interesting to watch who will win. The well-meaning and determined Ron Atkey or the cunning and prejudiced senior civil servants. Only time can tell.

China unhappy over Dalai Lama

New Delhi (IHS) - China has expressed unhappiness over the visit of the Dalai Lama to Mongolia, via Moscow, "to bless an Asian Buddhist conference for peace" later this month.

Said Chinese Embassy Counsellor Kao E.: 'The Mongolians have used similar conferences in the past to abuse China and accuse us of destroying religion. He said the conference "obviously has political content, although it appears on the surface to be religious in nature ... there are quarters which would like to use it for political purposes."

Meanwhile, the Chinese Embassy here has introduced a new application form for the Chinese seeking visas to visit their country. The new form is meant exclusively for Chinese nationals. It does not require applicants to state their nationality.

An Embassy spokesman said the move was intended to help the kind of impasse that led to the cancellation of the visit to Tibet of a group of Tibetan exiles living in India. A spokesman of the group had then said that the visit was being abandoned because of Chinese insistence that the Tibetans should describe themselves as Chinese nationals.

Any Tibetan signing the new form would automatically be describing himself as a Chinese national.

PM CURBS MINISTERIAL TRIPS ABROAD

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) Ministers and senior officials have to do with less trips abroad during this summer following strict instructions from Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

Prayer and meditation

Rameshwar P. Bhargava.

Meditation: In my last article we discussed some fundamentals about 'Prayer' - the why and how of it. In the following I propose to explain in brief, "What is Meditation?", "Why and how to meditate?", and the benefits therefrom.

Meditation is the highest spiritual discipline, says Swami Chinmayananda, "through meditation man comes to experience peace within and without; internecine wars between the desires are ended; conflicts between duties no longer wreck a meditator's nerves and the mind grows up to view life as a whole."

Meditation is the keeping of an unceasing flow of God-Consciousness. All worldly thoughts are shut out from the mind. The mind is filled or saturated with Divine thought, Divine Glory and Divine presence.

Why meditate? Meditation is generally considered as the only royal path to the attainment of salvation or Moksh which is the goal of life. Swami Sivananda says "It (Meditation) is a mysterious ladder which reaches from earth to heaven; from error to truth, from darkness to light, from pain to bliss, from restlessness to abiding peace, from ignorance to knowledge, from mortality to immortality."

Bondage of man exists in the ignorance of the true nature of his self and freedom lies in the knowledge of the self. By bondage is meant subjection to the process of birth and death and the resultant pain and suffering caused thereby. Unless one is emancipated therefrom, true happiness, which is in universal demand, is just a will-O'-wisp. This, in turn, is neither possible merely from a theoretical understanding nor through discursive reason. What is required is practical realization, which is facilitated by profound meditation as it steadies the mind, gives a degree of quietude, etc.

Preliminary requirements: At present all of us are suffering because of the vagaries of the mind. It is constantly, madly running out to grab the 'Preyas'. The world which to it seems to be real, gives to it on a silver plate and in a golden cup, all its poisonous sorrows. But if one wants 'Sreyas' - the Pure Bliss and Beatitude of Brahman - he has to quieten the mind in the contemplation of the Supreme Self which is the innermost core. Writes Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa: "The reflection of an object gets hazy and broken on the surface of disturbed water. Likewise the presence of the Atman is obscured in a disturbed mind. It should first of all gain quietude through the conquest of desire, anger and fear. Meditation then becomes easy and spontaneous." He further adds "Sense pleasures are like the itching eczema. There is no pleasure in violently scratching it because the disease gets aggravated thereby. By yielding to the sense-pleasures the mind gets more entangled in them. As the rudderless ship is at the mercy of the strong wind and does not reach its destination so the misdirected mind does not contact the Atman".

Lord Krishna says in the Gita, "There is no wisdom in the fickle-minded; nor is there meditation in him. In the unmeditative there is no peace. And how can the peaceless have happiness?"

It need hardly be emphasized that a good virtuous life only prepares the mind as a fit instrument for concentration and meditation.

How to practice Meditation: As with any other serious work so with meditation; Congenial environment and proper mood facilitates meditation. Once we know cycling we can ride a cycle under all conditions and in all places. But while learning we have to follow the rules of balance for our convenience and safety and start practice in a convenient open ground. Similarly, for aspirants, beginners, a secluded quiet spot free from outward distractions, a comfortable pose with head and neck straight and eyes fixed on the tip of the nose or between the eyebrows, and moderation in eating and sleeping are some of the basic hints to be observed. Still more important is to control the inner struggles. Lord Jesus says, "Empty thyself and I shall fill thee". This corresponds to the teachings of Patanjali Maharishi, "Yoga is the annihilation of all mental functions".

Just as volunteers come in front and obstruct the path of those who want to enter concert without tickets so does the old Sanskars (impressions) of enmity, hatred, lust, jealousy, fear, honour, respect, etc, assume different forms and obstruct the path of aspirants. They have to be ruthlessly guarded against. "Just as green wood does not catch fire but the dry wood immediately burns, similarly those with impure minds will not be able to start the fire of meditation", says Swami Sivananda, "they will be sleeping or dreaming while sitting for meditation". So the impurities have to be weeded out. In brief, moderation in our conduct, balance in our behaviour, harmony in our activity, is a pre-condition to the yoga of Meditation.

The fundamental qualities for success in meditation as stated by Shri Ramakrishna are:

(a) "Serenity (Santi) and dispassion (Vairagya). The mind should not run after the sense objects seeking happiness in them;

(b) Control of the sense-organs, so that outworldly things may not attract and disturb the aspirant;

(c) Total withdrawal from mental pre-occupations;

(d) Forbearance, so that the little pin-pricks of life may not agitate. Anger is a gate to hell, it disturbs the knowledge of the self.

(e) Single-pointed concentration upon the Divine Self. One who anchors himself on God can be saved from falling down even if his senses are roving in all directions, just as a child holding a pillar has no danger of falling down even if he spins violently round and round it.

(f) Complete effacement of the ego; and lastly,

(g) Patience, as doubt and depression are great stumbling blocks particularly in the beginning."

Swami Dayananda says, "with the mind controlled and intent, the path is set. Meditation involves the mind's dwelling upon the object of meditation. If the object is one that is unknown the mind cannot dwell upon the object. At least an indirect knowledge is necessary for the mind to objectify the meditated. Different deities - one's Ishtam - can be meditated upon and such meditations do produce certain results." To start with, the picture of the Ishtam - Lord Rama, Krishna, Christ or Buddha, or any object that one has taken in and reverence for, can be kept in front and a beginning made with the chanting of hymns or Japa of the Lord's name. Once the mind is withdrawn from the worldly objects one should meditate on Him as the Supreme Cause in whom the whole universe exists and from whom the whole universe evolves. When the meditation becomes deep and steady one eventually gets established in God and then the meditation becomes natural (Sahaja). It becomes habitual."

We are told that Napolean could relax even on the horseback in the battle-field. Mahatama Gandhi could retire during the course of discussions, sleep for a few minutes and then rejoin without any difficulty.

No doubt the goal is high and the road steep but there is no cause for despair. Pearls are not found on the surface of the sea. One has to dive deep for them. He who starts will someday finally reach. God knows our weaknesses and the effort we make to overcome them. On Arjuna's stating how difficult it is to control the mind Lord Krishna replied, "Yes it is difficult but not impossible. By continued practice it can be done."

Benefits of Meditation:

(i) Application of a divided mind brings indifferent results. The secret of success lies in concentration and single-pointed effort, just as the power of heat and light of the divergent sun's rays gets intensified and can even burn things when converged on a point through a focusing lens.

(ii) Our mind is always busy fluttering from one object to another. The flow of thoughts is ceaseless. Regular meditation makes it calm and steady by withdrawing its attention from all sense-objects. By assiduous practice the mind learns to think of only one thing at a time and thus the realization of Sat-Chit-Ananda becomes a reality. It gives a new edge to life and opens avenues of institutional knowledge.

(iii) Our minds are now impure because of the dross of Sattwa, Rajas and Tamas, which covers the mind. With the heat of meditation the dross drops off, all foulness due to vice is annihilated and the pure Sattwa mind emerges. Gradually, it dissolves in the vision of Reality." - Shri Shankara Charya.

(iv) "The goal at the end of life lived to the full, is always a life of quiet, of indrawn stillness, of solitude and aloofness, in which the world forgetting, by the world forgot, one finds his heaven in the lonely contemplation of the good. That and that alone is real life. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. This purification of the heart is a matter of discipline." - Plato.

(v) "Divine Grace is invoked by our honest and sincere attempts at meditation." - Swami Chinmayananda.

(vi) "Meditation acts as a powerful tonic. The divine energy freely flows from the feet of the Lord to the different systems of the Sadhaka". - Swami Sivananda.

'Braham Mahurat', the early morning time, is considered most suitable for "meditation", but looking to the present day busy life particularly in these countries ever one can choose his own time when he is comparatively free from worldly distractions Something is better than nothin

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Ontario racism

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AT:

MCGILL UNIVERSITY - MONTREAL, QUEBEC [June 2, 1979]

I am delighted to have the opportunity to participate in this important Conference. I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with the South Asian Community in Ontario very closely during the past several years and I am therefore pleased to take part in a conference with Canada wide dimensions in relation to your community.

As a result of my involvement with our citizens of South Asian origin, I was invited by the Government of India to visit that great nation in January of this year. While I would like to tell you at length about my most memorable journey, suffice it to say that it was one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. Above all it enabled me to appreciate to a greater extent the magnificent culture and traditions that have been contributed to the Canadian Mosaic by the sons and daughters of India and other South Asian countries that have honoured Canada by chosing our country as their home.

While I would like to speak to you in relation to my perspectives as the Minister of Justice for Ontario in relation to the integration of South Asians in Canada, I should like first to address some remarks on the issue of Canadian unity particularly as it is so very relevant to the integration of South Asians.

The great challenge facing our country is the pursuit of a path of reconciliation particularly as it involves our two founding cultures, French and English. However, of equal importance is the strengthening of our national fabric so that citizens of all racial and cultural backgrounds will feel equally served and accomodated by our national institutions. These institutional accommodations must be accompanied by a very real understanding, open mindedness and open heartedness to all our people and these attitudes must form the foundations upon which our country can continue to be effectively built.

We have all come to Canada in different times of history, with different languages and cultural backgrounds. Therefore any unity which we have achieved and which we will achieve is unity through diversity.

In Ontario, as in other provinces it is a fundamental principal of public policy that every person is free and equal in dignity and race. We are committed, as a Government, to working towards justice and equality for all our citizens. The evil of racism is not acceptable in our society.

As you know, Canada is in many ways different from our great neighbour, the United States. One way in which we differ profoundly is that Canadians believe in creating a multicultural society. We do not have a melting pot in which the cultural identities of our citizens are reduced, in which links to homelands are severed, and in which an immigrant's children are encouraged to forget their backgrounds and simply become Americans. We take pride in the variety of our cultural backgrounds. We encourage communities to keep alive their languages, their traditions and their pride in their heritage.

We take pride in our citizens of South Asian origin and in the contribution they have made to our society. We are honoured that they have chosen to make our country their home. And in order to merit that honour, it is incumbent upon us to ensure that our citizens from South Asia feel truly at home. As a politician I am totally committed to this goal.

As you know, I spent almost three weeks in India in January. I was profoundly impressed and moved by what I saw and experienced. While I was in India, I was struck by the incredible diversity in language, culture and religion. It is a diversity of size and scope that makes our domestic problems seem insignificant in comparison. I became more and more aware that there is much we can learn from India in this task.

You and others who have come to Canada in recent years have much to teach us and I plead with you not to sit idly and let events pass you by. Newcomers to this country made a conscious decision to put down new roots in Canada and help build a compassionate society with equal opportunities for yourselves and your children, regardless of their background. You have as much at stake as any other citizen in the battle for Canadian Unity.

We are indeed at a critical period in our history, and our future depends on an awareness of the importance of the pluralistic nature of our country.

We need a commitment to the principle of brotherhood and with it a commitment to something more tangible that is a spirit - something called Canada.

It was well expressed by Professor Jacques Monet, a distinguished Canadian Historian with his roots in Quebec:

"The challenge of brotherhood, of an experiment that bursts through the limits of nationalism to embrace men of diverse ways and diverse tongues, is what it means to be a Canadian. You see, it is not a question of economics or common sense: it is a question of the heart."

As the Chief Law Officer of the Crown in Ontario, I have very basic responsibilities in relation to individual rights and the enforcement of the law. So far as these duties may relate to visible minorities, I have regarded them as a very high personal priority.

While the law is often an incomplete tool, I nevertheless regard it to be imperative that there be a firm and vigorous legal response when the rights of minorities are infringed particularly when there is a racist motivation.

In a few moments I will speak about some of the action that has been taken by both my Government and the Ontario community to fight discrimination and racism. But firstly let me talk about the analysis of racism we have employed.

We feel that the battle against discrimination must be a continuing fight. I am not naive enough to believe that discrimination can ever be ended completely. Some of the world's great religions have been trying to do so for the last five thousand years, but we are still forced to recognize that discrimination and bigotry can be found all over the world. One need only look to the Jews in the U.S.S.R., the Blacks in South Africa, both the Roman Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland, and a relatively smaller number of immigrants in Canada who are subject to the ugliness and frustration stemming from discrimination.

However, as a law minister I should also like to stress that what we must confront in dealing with racial discrimination is not so much a legal problem but a psychological and social one. The central issue that must always remain is related to the potential for goodwill and tolerance in the Canadian community. That goodwill can never be demonstrated by resort to the criminal laws alone. For what United States Justice Learned Hand once wrote about the spirit of liberty also applies to the spirit of tolerance:

"It lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it, no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it, and while it is alive it needs no constitution, no law, no court to save it."

The challenge must be to strengthen the goodwill that exists in the vast majority of our citizens, while demonstrating with as much vigor and sincerity as possible that racism in any form is totally unacceptable to us.

We did this when we were the first province in Canada to pass a Human Rights Code. Across Canada other jurisdictions followed our lead. We are currently engaged in a major reform of our Human Rights Legislation to make it broader and more effective.

As Attorney General one of my highest priorities is to prosecute to the limits of the law any criminal activity motivated by racism. Our government is committed to using the law whenever necessary to remind all our citizens that the right of every one to be free of interference with their person is one of the most fundamental freedoms in any democratic society.

Shortly after taking office I issued a directive to all our criminal prosecutors expressing my concern about violent assaults in which there was a racist motive. In that directive I said: "I am concerned that where as racial element is clearly involved in an assault or assault causing bodily harm within your jurisdiction that on conviction the matter be brought to the attention of the trial judge with a request that it be dealt with severely."

Shortly afterwards in a tragic incident we had to act on these principles. The case was a horrifying one. A Tanzanian citizen of Indian origin was assaulted in our underground railway system. Two young men hurled racial insults at this newcomer to Canada, a Mr. Kanji. They assaulted him, pushing him off the station platform onto the tracks, severely fracturing both legs. Mr. Kanji was crippled. Two young Canadians were brought to trial. They were found guilty, but the judge at trial refused to take into consideration in his sentencing, the racial nature of the attack. The judge sentenced one man to 21 months and the other to 16 months.

As Attorney General I reviewed the evidence and decided to appeal those sentences on the basis that the trial judge should have considered the racial nature of the attack in setting the sentence. In a statement made when the appeal was launched, I said "the threat of racial assaults to the relatively fragile fabric of our society requires that sentences imposed in relation to racial attacks reflect as much as possible the seriousness of this type of criminal offence and act as deterrent to others who might be tempted to participate in similar vicious behaviour."

I am happy to say that the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed with this position. The court extended both the sentences, requiring the men to serve their time in a much tougher penal institution.

Mr. Justice Charles Dubin said in granting our appeal:

"It is a fundamental principle of our society that every member must respect the dignity, privacy and person of the other. Crimes of violence increase when respect for the rights of others decreases, and in that manner, assaults such as occurred in this case attack the very fabric of our society.

Mr. Justice Dubin emphasized that "an assault which is racially motivated renders the offence more heinous. Such assaults, unfortunately, invite imitation and repetition by others and invite retaliation. The danger is even greater in a multicultural, pluralistic, urban society. The sentence imposed must be one which expresses the public abhorrence for such conduct and their refusal to countenance it".

This decision has brought home to all the message that any attack on the weak will incur the wrath of the strong.

While I am pleased that the court took such a vigorous position against violent racial attacks, and that all our courts must follow their lead, I lament the existence of racial violence which made it necessary for them to do so.

As an afterthought, I should inform you that Mr. Kanji received a grant and a permanent pension from our government's Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

To be continued...

Book review

Story of an untouchable

CALIFORNIA SCHOLAR AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY PUBLISH FIRST DETAILED LIFE HISTORY OF AN INDIAN UNTOUCHABLE

India's untouchables amount to nearly one-half of the population of the United States or fives times that of Canada. Significantly enough, there has been a glaring paucity of in-depth studies of Harijan society by social scientists from India. However this has been more than compensated by the unstinting efforts of such people as James M. Freedman, San Jose State University anthropologist, who claims that the life history of a single one of these outcasts of Indian society an individual named Muli "stands as an indictment, not merely of the caste system as an Indian phenomenon, but also of stratified systems of inequality everywhere".

Prof. Freedman is the author of a new book, 'Untouchable: an Indian Life History', which is to be released this month by Stanford University Press (421pp., cloth, $18.95). His book is believed to be the first detailed life history of an ordinary Indian untouchable.

A 'Publishers Weekly' reviewer says: "This story, bristling with the untouchables' smouldering anger, tells more about India than many other books."

Another well-respected New York anthropologist comments: "The life of this man of India's lowest caste level hits us with overwhelming orifice ... this is probably one of the frankest cultural accounts ever published."

While untouchability has been officially abolished in India, any gains for these outcasts have been "sparse and uneven", Freedman says. Most remain desperately poor, semi-illiterate and subject to brutal discrimination and economic exploitation. "The cultural idiom in which Muli operates may be foreign to us, but his aims are not," says Freedman. "He strives for dignity; he seeks to be respected by people around him; he questions why fate has brought him to his present circumstances; he wants a good life for himself."

Muli and members of his caste have failed, not because they expected to do so or accepted their lot, but because they faced economic and social disabilities they are not powerless to change.

Muli's life undergoes four major transitions:

First, he chose to become a pimp, and to befriend transvestites, irrevocably cutting himself off from the mainstream life-style of his caste that his parents had expected him to follow.

Second, Muli resisted and avoided the responsibilities stemming from an arranged marriage, which proved a major source of unhappiness.

Third, through his pimping, a high caste client set him up in the betel-selling business, which proved mildly successful.

Fourth, he unwittingly engineered his own downfall by creating a messy affair with his second wife.

None of the members of Muli's caste in his village have improved their economic or social situation in the past decade, Freedman notes. But high-caste people have benefitted enormously from urbanization, according to the San Jose anthropologist.

Muli's life history is illustrative of hundreds in his own village who tried but failed to improve their lot.

Freedman's research was conducted in a community three miles from Bhubaneswar, the capital of Orissa. He was supported by a fellowship from the American Institute of Indian Studies, a fellowship at Stanford, and sabbatical leave from San Jose State University.

He plans to write five more life histories for a volume he is now preparing on 'FIVE INDIAN LIVES'.

P Assini

Desai against expelling Egypt

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI) - Prime Minister Morarji Desai said that whatever be the disagreements between Egypt and the Arab countries, there was no provision to remove Egypt from the nonaligned movement so long as it fulfilled the conditions of membership.

Mr. Desai said in a question-answer session with members of the Foreign Correspondents Association of South Asia here, that so long as Egypt did not violate these conditions, it should be allowed to attend the forthcoming nonaligned conference in Havana, Cuba.

But it was essentially for the nonaligned countries to decide, he added.

Inquiry commission in Kashmir

Srinagar (IBS) - Former Chief Justice of India S.M. Sikri will head a three-member commission of inquiry appointed by the Jammu and Kashmir Government to look into the question of regional imbalances between and within the three regions of the State - Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Ladakh.

Announcing this, Chief Minister Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah told pressmen that other members of the commission will be Malcolm S. Adiseshia, M.P. and former Deputy Director General of UNESCO, and A.R. Kidwai, former chairman of the Union Public Service Commission and presently a member of the University Grants Commission. All the three are expected to arrive here by the middle of June to start their work.

Tell mama: "We are happy"

Lolla Nair

At the stroke of the midnight hour on August 14/15, 32 years ago, the independent, sovereign states of India and Pakistan, later to include Bangladesh, came into being. To Winston Churchill it was the willful dissolution of Empire. To George Woodcock who published "Who killed The British Empire?" in 1974, it was death due to natural causes with a whisper of euthanasia surrounding it. To Pandit Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, it was a tryst with destiny, redeemed.

"A moment comes," said Nehru, "which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed finds utterance." The moment came, and the ceremonial conch shell sounded through the length and breadth of India. As one foreign correspondent reported, the illuminations turned midnight into midday. The tri-colour went up on flagpoles in the remotest of India's villages. At Ahmedabad, a young school teacher who had been jailed for doing just that in 1942, was now chosen to hoist the flag.

At Balmoral Castle, King George VI received his Secretary of State for India to be formally informed that he was now no longer Rex Imperator. It was in 1858 that the Crown had given itself the title. As Queen Victoria put it with the directness of feminine logic, the **British people** had realized that "India should **belong to me.**" The British Parliament, in professed innocence of conceit or arrogance, had instead, legislated "An Act for the Better Government of India." Ever since, the Princes of Wales, and George V as monarch as well, had visited their Indian Empire.

In 1876, The Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, passed through triumphal arches of welcome across most of the expanse of India. One such arch read: "Tell Mama We Are Happy". That was the year famine had struck the central north-south belt of India. By Britain's own conservative estimates, 10 million happy people had died.

But whatever the circumstances, to the end, the Viceroyship of India remained the dream and the challenge to every ambitious statesman in the Foreign Office. Four of Canada's Governors General achieved that ambition. As Bruce Hutchison relates, it was India on his mind that led Lord Dufferin into his overzealous role of arbitrator between Prime Minister Mackenzie and Premier Andrew Elliot of British Columbia on the controversy over the then abandoned island railway. Mackenzie, the Constitutionalist, had held his own against Dufferin and it was not till Lord Dufferin reached Calcutta and Rangoon that he derived the full pleasures of Imperial Power.

After the easy victory over King Thibaw of Burma, in a war fought for the honour and privileges of a nondescript British company carrying on trade in the Burmese dominions, Lord Randolph Churchill wrote to Dufferin, "..... the Government as a body are strongly in favour of annexation pure and simple, and I expect you will be forced into it by the difficulty of finding a prince who would have any chance of maintaining himself or of giving any guarantees of value for good government."

The Divine Right of British Rule and its advantages were faithfully extolled by his son Winston 25 years later when he declared in Parliament, "we have as good a right to be in India as anyone there.... (our government) is incomparably the best government that India has ever seen or ever will see..." Indira Gandhi and Morarji Desai were damned long before they even had the opportunity to flounder as the one did and the other is doing in the exercise of good government. That there could be no good government unless dispense by the Raj, was repeated by almost every British Official in India. A communication from the Secretary of State for India to its Viceroy on the Indianization of the Civil Service, in 1859, read: "It should never be forgotten, and there should never be any hesitation (there never was!) in laying down the principle, that it is one of our first duties towards the people of India to guard the safety of **our** (italics mine) dominions. For this purpose we must proceed gradually, employing only such natives as we can trust, and these only in such offices and in such places as the Government of India may determine to be really suited to them."

Before Dufferin, the Earl of Elgin had taken the same route to India. Canada had not been easy for Elgin after the Rebellion of 1838. He had even been stoned on his way to Parliament. He went to India in 1862 to tackle another such aftermath, but of far greater proportions. One half of the atrocities of the Indian Mutiny of 1857 are well known. A sample of the other half is contained in the less publicised writings of Edward Thompson, Sir William Digby and others. Digby calls one instance the 'British Black Hole'. At a place in North India, 350 men of the 26th Native Infantry, laid down arms to a certain Mr. Cooper on the assurance of a fair trial. A sepoy, ordered to shoot them, shot 237, before he himself collapsed from the strain and fell down dead. The rest were confined in a small cell. By next morning 41 had stifled to death. So the terrorism continued well into the times of the Earl of Elgin.

Lord Lansdowne, who became Governor General of Canada in 1883, had the Riel Rebellion as his practicum for India. He also had the services of his Military Secretary Lord Melgund, later Lord Minto, who followed him into office in both countries.

Lord Minto's term in Canada had found its complication in the person of its Prime Minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Lady Minto, a force to contend with, in her own right, wrote to Joseph Chamberlain what a "gentleman" Sir W.L. was.

Chamberlain wrote back: "I'd rather do business with a cad who knew his own mind." From India, Minto was better able to satisfy Chamberlain, as the Nationalists of the day knew their minds well enough and the Raj seldom had difficulty branding them cads.

Lord Morley, the then Secretary of State for India, had with some vision essayed to Lord Minto in 1906: "I suppose the notion of a Native in your Executive Council would not do at all. Is that certain? I dare say it is — and it would frighten that nervous animal (naturally nervous), the European-Indian." Imperial machinery had finally ground its way to proposing in 1909 the appointment of the Indian lawyer Lord Sinha, P.C., K.C.S.I., to membership of the Viceroy's Council as its first native member. It promptly came under fire from ex-Viceroys, Lords Lansdowne and Curzon, and King Edward VII. The King protested it was "fraught with the greatest danger to the maintenance of the Indian Empire under British rule." All the same, British Democracy had clipped the powers of the Sovereign and Lords of the realm at home, and the proposal was carried.

As it turned out, autocratic Lord Sinha found his nominal role in the Council galling. Moreover, his wife did not like the climate of Simla in the Hills, the seat of the Raj for six months in the year. So he asked to be allowed to resign, but was persuaded to stay on a little longer. Said King Edward: "So the Native Member resigns his seat in the Viceroy's Council. Do try and induce Morley not to be so obstinate by appointing another Native."

King Edward's apprehensions were not ill founded. Less than 40 years passed before the Raj itself was made to resign from the Council. His Majesty had called it the thin end of the wedge, and his grandson George VI had been edged out before he had a chance to pass through triumphal arches in India. Despite the ferment of the turmoil and anguish that was to envelop the subcontinent in the next several months, on August 15, 1947, all India went berserk with the kind of untrammelled joy that comes but rarely in a lifetime. And together with the nation's outpourings of gratitude and homage to Gandhi and Nehru, all India resounded with a cry that had never before been accorded to any symbol of the Raj - Mountbatten ki jai (Long live Mountbatten).

MGR wants file in Tamil

Madras (IBS) - Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran has directed that all files sent to him should be in Tamil. He has however clarified that whenever legal terms are to be used, those words may be expressed both in English and Tamil, if it was felt that the use of Tamil alone would give room for ambigpity.

Winning ways of Air India !

New Delhi (IBS) - Joytimoy Basu, Chairman of the Public Undertakings Committee of Parliament on Air India, narrated a personal experience to illustrate his charge that Air India adopted several methods to win over people. He told newsmen that his son and daughter-in-law were accommodated in first class although they had only economy class tickets for Moscow.

When he took up the matter, the Managing Director of Air India explained that this was done because the economy class was filled. "They, however, did not explain why my son and daughter-in-law were picked for such a favour," Basu added.

Sanjay's mother-in-law's house searched

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) - A number of incriminating documents indicating alleged illegal foreign exchange transactions of several lakhs of rupees were detected in joint raids conducted by the Income-Tax and Enforcement Authorities at a leading export house here.

The officials of two departments, who simultaneously raided the residential and business premises of the export house, also unearthed documents which might expose non-repatriation of large sums of foreign exchange against the goods exported from India.

Sex divine cult to be probed

New Delhi (AP) - An official inquiry was launched yesterday into the activities of a religious cult whose leader preaches that "sex is divine" and which has attracted thousands of Westerners to the cult centre in Poona, western India.

R.P. Ranadive, assistant charity commissioner in Poona, told the United News of India that the inquiry will look into charges of financial irregularities immoral activities involving the Rajneesh Ashram Centre, led by Rajneesh Chandra Mohan and administered by the Rajneesh Foundation.

He said in 1977 audit of foundation records showed possible irregularities regarding donations and income from sales of publications.

Ms Laxmi, managing trustee of the foundation, called the investigation "a political stunt, nothing else." She said in a telephone interview: "We are open, we have nothing to hide."

Rajneesh, 47, is a former college philosophy instructor whom his orange-clad followers call "bhagwan" or "god." He has outraged the Indian government by calling Prime Minister Morarji Desai a "cunning Fascist" and by publicly espousing free love.

Indians make up only a small minority of his disciples, most of whom are U.S. citizens or Western Europeans. Residents of Poona, a conservative city with a large army garrison, have complained to police about open displays of affection among Rajneesh disciples, and the group's controversial "behavior therapy" sessions are off limits to Indians.

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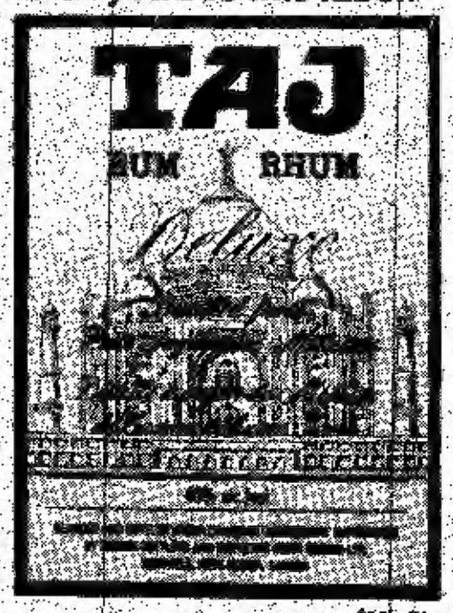

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FILMS

JAANI DUSHMAN

Produced and Directed by Rajkumar Kohli
Music by Laxmikant Pyarelal

Controversy follows Rajkumar Kohli like a shadow. This multi-starrer is his costliest film so far and is so cliche-ridden and stereotyped that one is surprised why so much money and talent had to be wasted on a story which has quicksilvery plot with quick changes in it. He may have had a story to begin with, but he signed up more stars than could be accommodated in it and did not know what to do with them — whether to create some solid characters out of them or to give some justifiable footage to each. The second alternative seemed to be more attractive — after all people go to see their favourite stars, and the more the merrier.

The very structure — loose and illogical — and a varied mixture of all that a commercial could be about are keyed to the boxoffice, nothing but the boxoffice. Care has not been taken to keep the plot line within the limits of probability or to make sure the logical build-up of suspense and climax. "The audience wants what we give, not we give what the audience wants," he knew from his earlier film **Nanda** whose success surprised rival film-makers and shrewed distributors.

The whole — almost every part of **Jaani Dushman** — is feeble and frail to an embarrassing degree. There is no effort even to balance dances, songs, comedy, romance and horrors. To a discerning filmgoer the film's form is formless formula — which is the privilege of the makers of the personal Cinema or experimental film. Rajkumar Kohli has succeeded in depriving the film of taste, tact and cinematic charm. No serious attempt is made to gather the loose ends. Were that so, the film would have taken up another four reels. Thank God it was not done.

Jaani Dushman, which completed last year, ran into censor trouble with the Central Board of Film Censors. And it was not the first case of its kind. After waiting for months together in New Delhi, and arguing with the authorities, the producer director was told that it could not be certified for exhibition. Which meant that it was banned - for violence and horror. After **Jaani Dushman** was refused certification, the Government of India banned the horror films from Holywood, like **The Exorcist**, and its Idian remake **Jadu Tona**, etc. At the censor's refusal Rajkumar Kohli felt crestfallen. But he mustered courage and challenged the Censor Board's decision in the Bombay High Court. After he agreed to make a few voluntary cuts, to the satisfaction of the High Court, the Censor Board passed it for exhibition, in the "Adults Only" category.

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It would be foolhardy to attempt to say anything about the direction and treatment. Suffice it to say that Bombay's cream of acting talent is gathered more for their reputations and images than for any set purpose. Sunil Dutt, Sanjeev Kumar, Shatrughan Sinha, Premnath, Vinod Mehra are there to add to the attraction of the film and nothing more. On the distaff side we have the sultry siren Reena and many others — Sarika, Yogita Bali, Bindiya Goswami, Reena Roy and Neetu Singh, vying for glamorous appearance with each other and for acting honours.

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The lesson of **Jaani Dushman** is extravagant money and the craze for multi-starrers are 'Jaani Dushman' (sworn enemies) of good cinema. Did the Censor ban the film for this very reason and not for its horror and violence? If so, they were perfectly justified — to see national resources wasted on inane and insipid cinema.

DARSHAK
In Democratic World

GOL MAAL

Directed by Hrishikesh Mukherjee - Produced by N.C Sippy and Hrishikesh Mukherjee

An out and out comedy is rarely a success in the North. The only instance one remembers is that of **Pyar Kiya Jaa**. Mahmood's, Basu Chatterjee's, Asrani's and even Hrishikesh Mukherjee's own comedies have not been a big draw with the audiences. The reason, it is said, is lack of humour in our national life. The fact remains that Indians as a nation don't relish humour, less so at their own expense.

Hrishikesh Mukherjee is considered a serious film-maker but he has directed many comedies. The best-remembered Hrishikesh comedy this writer can recall is **Buddha Mil Gaya**, a murder mystery seasoned with laughs and gag. Even in the most serious situations, he created satire of a kind which seemed natural and flowed over to the audience across the screen unlabored and unpretentiously.

Gol Maal is a thorough-bred comedy, right from the word Go. It flows so smoothly, that one ignores an odd flaw here and there. As a sitcom (situation comedy), **Gol Maal's**, drollery and funny situations make one bend with laughter, one gets so carried away with the characters and turns and twists in the plot. Under the light and funny surface of **Gol Maal**, lot of hard work must have gone through, by the cast, especially the two lead male players (Amol Palekar and Utpal Dutt), mirth-provoking dialogue by Rahi Masoom Raza, skilful screenplay by Sachin Bhowmick, and pleasing music by R.D. Burman.

The plot has a solid comic situation and good lines to work with, and Hrishida makes them funnier by his unpretentious direction. A young employment-seeker takes shelter behind lies to win the fancy of his conservative boss. Later he has to double-up as twins - only to find himself in tricky and embarrassing situations. And when the boss's daughter falls in love with him, rather to his assumed personality, things become more comic and complex. The director and the writer don't let things to out of hand, though the characters become berserk adding to the hilarity of the finale.

Amol Palekar is in his comic elements, more so than in **Solva Saal**. He had the image of a serious actor, through Basu Chatterjee's films. Teaming with Asrani in unrollicking comedy **Do Ladke Dono Kadke**, he gave the impression that his heart was in the role. But in **Gol Maal** he is at his best, having given the best performance of his career. His timing and delivery are impeccable, and he matches his steps, in a manner of speaking, with veteran Utpal Dutt. So potent is the comic chemistry of the two, that even in a serious situation they evoke laughter. Bindiya Goswami has a pleasing presence in walk, stance, expressions, and of course figure she is a mini version of Hema Malini. Even her short is like that of Hema. Many actos and actresses did not take off the moment they started imitating their famous matinee idols. But with Bindiya Goswami it is different.

Rahi Masoom Raza has written the film with an eye on both the subtle and broad humour. Snippets of film-making and film-acting mingle so well with the screenplay and Amol Palekar's character of a dreamy, romantic man.

MGR for prohibition refrendum

Madras (IBS) - Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran has offered to hold a referendum on the need for prohibition in the State, provided women alone were allowed to vote in the issue.

Addressing a conference on prohibition, MGR said he suggested that women alone should be allowed to exercise their choice since they would be the worst sufferers if prohibition was lifted. He also said that prohibition had been accepted by the people of Tamil Nadu and Gujarat - the two completely "dry" states until March 31 when others joined in as part of their culture and way of life.

Sports news

Ramesh Krishnan number one

Madras (IBS) - Young Ramesh Krishnan has been ranked number one, according to the ranking released by Dilip Bose, Secretary of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association. Amreetha Ahjuwalia takes the pride of place in the women's section. Surender Kumar has been given top ranking in junior boys (under 18).

The release also said that the Amrithraj brothers, Vijay, Anand and Ashok, Shashi Menon and J. Royappa among men, Mrs. Nirupama Mankad among women and S. Vasudevan among junior boys had not been ranked for the lack of data.

Bose said that Vijay Amrithraj and Ramesh Krishnan will get direct entries in this year's Wimbledon. Vijay stood 27th in ATP ranking and Ramesh is 108th. The first 124 will get direct entry.

However, Anand Amrithraj will have to qualify for the singles as his ranking is 136th. Shashi Menon may not be able to take part even in the qualifying rounds as his ranking is 180.

Anand would however definitely play in the doubles with Vijay as the pair is ranked eighth at present.

The India Badminton team for inter Zone match for Thomas Cup in Jakarta with the Prime Minister, Morarji Desai in New Delhi.

Dispute over ASIAD resolved

New Delhi, (UNI) - The controversy regarding construction of sports facilities for the 1982 Asian Games, which erupted recently following the Works and Housing Minister Sikander Bakht's statement, is understood to have been resolved.

Informed sources said that all "differences", which appeared to jeopardise construction work of Asiad facilities by the Central Public Works Department, had been "sorted out amicably".

The decision, the sources said, was taken at a high-level meeting of Prime Minister Morarji Desai here on June 8 with Education Minister P.C. Chunder, Sikander Bakht and Home Minister H.M Patel, who is also the Chairman of the Steering Committee formed to coordinate the activities of government departments in connection with the games.

A full meeting of the Steering Committee for Asian Games 1982 is to be convened shortly to finalise the modalities of all construction activities and to fix dealings so that these structures were ready before October 1981.

The Prime Minister is understood to have underlined the fact that India had committed formally to organize the games and any delay in finalising the arrangements may tarnish the country's image in the continent.

He is also understood to have emphasised that the arrangements for the games must be of a high standard and in keeping with the prevalent standards.

The controversy broke when Mr. Bakht said in a press statement that the CPWD and his ministry would not accept any over-riding authority, such as a consortium of architects, with regard to construction of facilities for the games.

WRESTLER DENIES HE MARRIED A MINOR

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) - Wrestler Chandgi Ram has denied reports that he had married a minor girl.

He said: "Rumours to this effect are totally baseless and are being spread by people jealous of my success."

The Government of the northern Indian state of Haryana announced it was abolishing the post of Additional Director, Sports, held by Chandgi Ram. The move followed reports that Mr. Chandgi Ram had taken for his third wife, a 16-year-old girl.

"I have neither married nor have any intention to marry any minor or major girl at all, as I am already a married person," Chandgi Ram said.

Threatening to fight the case in court, he said: "I do not believe in controversy and will keep on working for the betterment of wrestling in India."

Three film bodies to merge

New Delhi (IBS) - The Government has decided to amalgamate the Film Finance Corporation (FFC) and the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation (IMPEC) with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) whose headquarters are being shifted from New Delhi to Bombay.

With its authorised capital raised from Rs 30 to Rs 40 million, NFDC will henceforth handle the import and export of feature films, which was being done by FFC and IMPEC.

Set up as a wholly Government owned company in 1975 in pursuance of the recommendations of a study team set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, NFDC's character of activities included the import, export, distribution and exhibition of feature films and import and distribution of raw stock and equipment needed by the film industry.

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Air India inquiry attacked

New Delhi (IBS) - Former Chairman of Air India J. RD Tata has described the report of the Public Undertakings Committee of Parliament on Air India as "astonishing and an uncalled for attack on the most prestigious successful public sector enterprise in the country."

Tata said he himself was one of the witnesses summoned by the Committee to give evidence and he was "astonished at the extent of the ignorance displayed (by the Committee) of the economic and administrative realities." He said even though every effort was made to educate the Committee on the special character and features of this "most fiercely competitive of all international industries," it was abundantly clear to him that Chairman of the Committee Jyotirmoy Basu (CPI-M) had made up his mind in advance to write an adverse report.

Tata said the manner in which the proceedings were conducted virtually by the chairman in the total absence of the other members and therefore without the prescribed quorum was an "inquisition rather than an inquiry."

On the criticism that Air India carried only 43 per cent of the total traffic into and out of India, Tata said that with 36 foreign airlines operating in or through India with an aggregate fleet of several hundred aircraft, Air India's performance in securing 43 per cent of the total traffic with 15 aircraft serving 34 countries, was, in fact, a remarkable achievement which "deserved high praise instead of the condemnation meted out to it."

Everest expedition in 1984

Darjeeling (West Bengal), June 15 (UNI) - India has booked Mount Everest for launching an expedition during the spring of 1984.

The peak, with its snow mantle, buffeting winds and trecherous ice falls, has attracted climbers from all parts of the world since the first full fledged expedition, led by Colonel C.K. Howard Bury, was launched in 1921.

Several expeditions have since been launched, reflecting man's desire to humble the highest mountain again and again.

Situated on the Nepal-Tibet border, Mount Everest was discovered as the highest mountain in the world by the Survey of India in 1852 and its height was finally computed at 18,848 metres. The mountain until then was known as Peak XV to surveyors, while the Tibetans called it Chonolund and the Nepalese Sagarmatha. It was finally named Mount Everest after the then Surveyor General of India Sir George Everest.

Veena Rao wins essay contest

Veena Rao, an eighth graden at Sequoia School in Northern California, was pronounced last week as the first-place winner in the American Legion Essay Contest. Veena, 14 year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ananda Rao of Pleasant Hill, California, bagged the prize for her essay entitled 'This Is My Land'.

In the text of her prize-winning essay published last week in the local newspaper 'Concord Transcript', Ms. Rao sees the American way of life as one which 'reflects beginnings' in other lands'.

She concludes: 'Yes, this is my land, a land that prospers, where people can accomplish their aims, where ideals become realities for all, where we have faith in ourselves and our future, and I am blessed to live in it'.

F. Aaslai.

Demand for Independent Mizoram

Aizwal, June 18 (UNI) - Rebel Mizo National Front (MNF) Chief Lal Denga has revived his demand for an independent Mizoram, Chief Minister Brig. T. Sailo said.

The Chief Minister's disclosure to a group of newsmen about Lal Denga's new stand would mean by implication that there was little change in the near future for resumption of the deadlocked peace talks between the Centre and the MNF for settlement of the Mizo political problem.

Brig. Sailo said that Lal Denga was re-elected as MNF Chief "on a clear understanding" that he would demand an independent Mizoram for which he spearheaded the 1966 bloody insurgency.

Suicide pact

New Delhi (IBS) — Jitender Kumar (35), a businessman from Canada, was found dead and TV artiste Mrs. Prem Lata Wadhera (42) was found unconscious in the bedroom of her house here Thursday May 31, after the two had consumed sleeping pills in a suicide pact.

Police said the two were found without any clothes on and looked in embrace. A suicide note was found in the bedroom which said they were both taking their lives of their own accord.

Mother of two daughters and a son, Mrs. Wadhera visited Canada with a cultural troupe two years ago when she met Jitender. The latter thereafter became a frequent visitor to India and stayed with Mrs. Wadhera, whose husband left her around the time of her Canadian visit.

Annual dinner held

Indo-Canada chamber of commerce

Held its third annual general meeting at Holiday Inn, Eglinton Avenue, Toronto on May 26, 1979 and the following were elected as Board of Directors for 1979-80.

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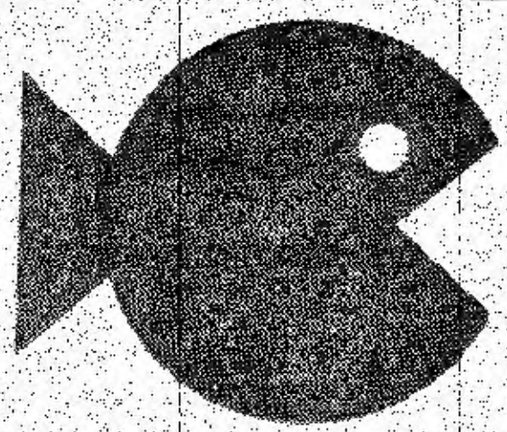
JANATA RETAINS SEAT

Sidhi (Madhya Pradesh) - (IBS) - The Janata Party has retained the Lok Sabha seat from Sidhi, its candidate defeating his main Congress (I) rival by a convincing margin of over 17,000 votes. The victor is Ravi Nandan Singh, younger brother of late Surya Naram Singh whose death caused the by-election.



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Industry Minister George Fernandez is believed to have objected to the proposed acquisition as well as replacements for the existing aircraft from corporate reserves on grounds of propriety. In his view, the funnelling off of share holders' money and possible tax was not desirable. It is also noted that sometimes these executive jets are lent to political friends by the industrialists.

Instead, Fernandez has suggested that a fleet of air taxis could be owned and operated jointly by the Central and State Governments. These could be hired out to those who wanted them. Fernandez believes that there would be enough customers to make such a service economically viable.

Concession to cops

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Addressing a news conference after the weekly Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Sharad Pawar said Rs 32 crores would be spent on constructing 13,000 houses for constables and Head Constables at various places in the State by March 1981.

Mr. Pawar said on matters like revision of pay-scales and eight-hour duty schedule, as demanded by a police organisation in the state, the Government would abide by the national guidelines.

The cash compensation to be paid to Constables and Head Constables for working on weekly offs will be Rs 11 per day at Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Aurangabad and Rs 9 per day at other places.

Essay competition

As its contribution to the International Year of the Child, National Association of Canadians of Origins in India (NACOI) has organised an essay competition for children of Indian origin under 18 years and for their parents.

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The essay should be no longer than 1,000 words and should reach NACOI, 425 Gloucester St., Ottawa, Ontario K1R 5E9 by July 15, 1979.

MONEY IN THE BUSH

Jammu, June 15 (UNI) - Rupees ten thousand stone stolen last week from the office of the State Forest Department at Mandi, 220 km from here, were recovered after receipt of an annonymous telephone call that the money was lying in a bush near the office.

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Balkanization of Pakistan

By Barkat Masih Khokhar

(Col. Khokhar is retired from the Indian Army and currently lives in Halifax)

"If I am assassinated on the gallows, there will be turmoil and turbulence, conflict and conflagration."

[The Late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto]

For many days the military ruler of Pakistan, General Zia-ul-Haq wrestled like Hamlet with the question:

"To be or not to be?"

Now the die is cast and the sword of Islamic justice has cut the head of a man whose very name signifies the word 'sword that cuts spine'. Zulfikar was the name of the famous sword of Prophet Ali, the only son-in-law of Prophet Muhammad who founded Islam by flashing his sword on the heads of pagan Arab tribes, Jews and Christians in the seventh century A.D. Since then the naked sword has never been put back in the scabbard. It is now flashing with great intensity in Iran and Pakistan. Amin's Islamic sword has become blunt. It is used on the heads of 'the faithful' as well as the unbelievers indiscriminately without taking into consideration what consequences might flow from its willful misuse.

When you cut a man's spine, you make two parts of his body. By cutting the body of Bhutto, the seeds of future Balkanization of Pakistan have been sown.

Turbulent Sindhis and Baluchis are temperamentally like men of Irish Republic Army who are waging constant war against Great Britain. They would try to throw the yoke of Punjabis and Pathan generals and colonels who are responsible for the execution of fiery and popular Sindhi leader Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. They will not rest until the vengeance is fully made. Sind (means river in Sanskrit) was the first place in the subcontinent India where the Arabs first flashed the sword of Islam in the 8th century, and then the raids were made through North West Frontier and Punjab towards Delhi.

The whole world has been stunned at this shameful hanging of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the former prime minister of Pakistan (means in Persian 'land of pure'). One wonders whether with the departure of Bhutto Pakistan has been really purified and cleansed of all corruption and crookedness.

But it was no surprise to me. I know the man, Zia-ul-Haq. He was my contemporary in the British Indian Army. He is a military ascetic whereas Ayatullah (gift of God) Ruhullah (spirit of God) Khomeini is a civilian ascetic. One wears the uniform and the other does not, but both are doing the same thing, purging Islamic society of wrong-doers by sword. Zia-ul-Haq (means in Arabic light of God or Truth) has no mercy in his heart as he says that he is a man of 'strong convictions' and 'nobody is indispensable.'

Zia had, earlier on, following the footsteps of Khomeini, declared Pakistan as an Islamic Republic which had pleased mullahs and other orthodox elements. During his 22-month rule, he has never granted any clemency to 400 men sentenced to gallows. His rule is based on Shariat (borrowed from Mosaic law) 'eye for eye and tooth for tooth'.

Legally and morally he feels that as chief executive it is his duty to comply with the orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Why should he interfere with its decision? Let the process of law take its course. After all, Bhutto was found guilty and sentenced to die by hanging by the Supreme Court. He neither found him guilty nor sentenced him to death. Law is the same for high as well as low.

But why did he let Bhutto be hanged?

Perhaps, he had no other alternative. He is a military man and must take a well-calculated decision which is in his own interest as well as of present Pakistan he holds in his grip. If he had granted clemency, he had to face a permanent foe. He knew that during the British rule the jail birds had more influence over masses than those ones outside jail. Psychologically, a man in street will carry the impression that Zia is afraid of Bhutto that is why he has kept him in jail by force. His shadow and silent voice inside the four walls of Rawalpindi would be like Democles' sword hanging on his chest. So as a short-term expediency, he got rid of him or has been ensnared by his ghost which is crying for retribution. Hundreds of Bhuttos are likely to rise from savage and barbarous Sindh to take vengeance from this Punjabi general. Riots in many cities are forerunner of coming violence.

Pakistan has already suffered diplomatic defeat on many fronts. Even Pakistanis settled in Canada protested against this inhumanity. Carter a great advocate for human rights, will never forget this brashness of Zia. Already Carter's administration has stopped aid to nuclear reactor as the General cannot be trusted with this sensitive plant. Experts can read the mind of Pakistan that is keen to make a nuclear device as a rival of India.

Canada has been always very generous to Pakistan in aid and has pushed millions of dollars into Rawalpindi's coffers for development. It is quite possible Joe Clark will not be so sympathetic to Pakistan in future. Many Commonwealth parliaments have been shocked over this hanging. Even Peking was shocked because Bhutto had developed a good rapport with China. Moscow feels difficult to trust a general who ignored the personal appeal of President Leonid Brezhnev.

France is not likely to give any help in building nuclear reactor any more because French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing was deeply interested to save the life of Bhutto. He had drafted another appeal but the end came soon to Bhutto like a thief at night.

Muslim "brother" Muammar Gaddafi of Libya is an ardent fan of a man from Sindh desert. Gaddafi and Zulfikar both have desert characteristics of mirage and wildness. He had given millions of dollars when Pakistan was hit by earthquake as part of Muslim brotherhood. It is amazing that this Islamic time-bomb has kept his mouth shut over Bhutto's execution.

Pakistan had never had friendly relations with her two immediate neighbours — India and Afghanistan, though both of them get on well. There has always been good rapport between Kabul and New Delhi. Islamabad and Kabul suspect each other over border skirmishes.

What is the net result to Pakistan? Has it gained or lost in the execution of Bhutto?

It is quite obvious that Pakistan is much weaker now internally as well as externally. Disregard of world opinion has alienated friendly feelings towards Pakistan and created perpetual foes at home.

A very serious drama of struggle for power has started in Pakistan. It is much serious than the secession of Bangla Desh. Future historians will judge Pakistan very harshly on account of this crime.

The ugly misadventure of 1971 led to the break up of Pakistan. Civilian heads of the State can claim this to their credit that they never went to war with India. It was the military that destroyed and weakened Pakistan for good. And it may be another military general who may be the cause of division of Pakistan.

Will the hanging of 'Wild' Bhutto be a 'unifying factor' or a divisive factor?

Will Zia (means light) let the light of democracy fall on Pakistan which he promised after he deposed his master in 1977?

Said Zia in 1977, "I genuinely believe that the survival of this country lies in democracy and democracy alone."

So far democracy has eluded the white corridors of Military Headquarters at Islamabad. And no one sees with surety that Zia will ever return to civil rule or hold democratic elections. 90 days have passed and no elections have been held. His fall elections may not materialize if violence increases. He will be making a fresh assessment after few months.

Zia knows from his military knowledge that no man can serve two masters. If military remains outside barracks for a long time, it gets 'power-hungry' and becomes less efficient miliarily. Its primary role is to stop external agression and not to fight or punish their own civilians. Soon it will lose confidence of the civilians it is supposed to protect in war. Military must not mess with civilians for too long.

The first two military dictators were Pathans, the first one Ayub Khan was an infantryman, and Yahya Khan was a gunner, stupid and uncouth. It was his blunder that broke Pakistan. Zia is the first Punjabi chief executive and has ambition to do better than his two predecessors and not to repeat their mistakes in his time. Most of prime ministers of Pakistan were from East Bengal and three were assassinated and two were deposed. But Bhutto was deposed as well as executed.

Bhutto's wives — Nusrat and Amir Begum have vowed to wage relentless war in Pakistan until they get the head of Zia on a platter.

Nusrat, Iranian-born wife of the late lion of Sindh, once said that although Pakistani people had lost their father (when he was jailed), they had a mother in her like Fatima Jinnah who opposed Field-Marshal Ayub Khan in Pakistan elections. In the coming Fall elections, Amir Begum may be a formidable opposing force having a great psychological and sympathetic effect on revolting masses.

How long will Zia keep Benazir (means matchless beauty) daughter of Bhutto in house arrest? As a young beauty she has the charisma of her father with youth as well as old. These three ladies of Bhutto are a time-bomb of high power in the politics of Pakistan. Being women they get sympathy from all quarters, including foreign media.

Women in Pakistan like Iran are no more chattel. They have come a long way off and cannot be put down by repressive measures of military courts or orthodox mullahs.

Across the border, Mrs. Indira Gandhi is considered a soul mate of Bhutto. Indian Hawks are likely to cry for harsher dealings with Indira Gandhi. She had behaved during her emergency like Bhutto who had put tens of thousands in jail without trial.

As one sees now that Zia's autocratic rule is being torn apart by internal threats and riots, 13-member (civilan) in the 22-strong cabinet of Zia have decided to withdraw because they do not want to be associated with the hanging of Bhutto. This is a great setback. Zia was all along hoping that with the disappearance of Bhutto his influence might disappear, but opposite has been the result. It looks like Pakistan is destined for a long trouble and this trouble is of its making. The struggle for power is waging. And in this war for power between military and civil, people are likely to suffer economically and socially.

Pakistan is hard like a nut. But all nuts do crack sometimes under internal and external pressures — opposed by hostile world opinion, squeezed by two unfriendly neighbors, internally weakened by political instability and social unrest, frustrated by deplorable economic conditions, demoralized by constant local rivalries, confounded and confused by Islamic orthodoxy (mullahs), there is a great possibility that before the end of this century existing Pakistan may break into two halves — Sindh and Baluchistan versus Punjab and North West Frontier.

Will history of the break-up of Moghul Empire be repeated in Pakistan?

World's first religious N-bomb

By Ron Santana

At a time when Islamic firing squads are working overtime in Iran, neighbouring Pakistan has come up with an "Islamic Bomb" to deal with non-Islamic peoples on a much larger scale.

Pakistan, whose foreign policy mainly evolves around a 1000-year war with India, has sold the idea of a Islamic Bomb to Saudi Arabia and Libya, fellow Islamic nations who want to maintain the Islamic brotherhood through nuclear technology.

Ever since India detonated a nuclear device, Pakistan has been desperately trying to come up with a bomb of its own just to keepup with the Jonses next door. Pakistan has the basic requirements to make a nuclear bomb — a reactor, trained personnel and spent fuel that can be refined to reproduce bomb grad material. It has lacked only two things to make its nuclear dream come true money and a reprocessing plant.

The military rulers of Pakistan have thought of an interesting story to impress their Islamic cousins in Saudi Arabia and Libya. Quoting the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency's reports and Congressional records which indicate the U.S. has delivered enriched uranium of the bomb grade to Israel which is believed to have stockpiled an arsenal of nuclear weapons, Pakistan has found Arab financiers for the Islamic Bomb. The Islamic Bomb is to be made available to Saudi Arabia and Libya on request as well as for Pakistan's own use against its traditional opponent, India.

With Arab backing, plans are afoot in Pakistan to produce the world's first religious nuclear bomb. The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Pickering recenty testified before a Senate Committee that Pakistan had secured most of the components and materials to erect a uranium enrichment plant.

When asked by Senator John Glenn whether Pakistan's efforts were aimed at producing an Islamic bomb to counter the Israeli nuclear capability, the Assistant Secretary of State asked for a closed door session, indirectly admitting the validity of the statement.

With a history of political instability, military excesses bordering on genocide with its own citizens living in its former eastern wing, cruel treatment of its minorities and a recent turn towards medieval Islamic fundamentalism, Pakistan appears to be an irresponsible and dangerous candidate for the nuclear club.

The self-appointed leader of Pakistan, Gen. Zia recently told newsmen that the letter from the French President Valerie d'Estaing refusing Pakistan a French reprocessing plant was polite but in military terms a lemon. The use of the words "military terms" signifies Pakistan's ulterior plant while publicly maintaining the reprocessing plant was aimed at providing fuel for Pakistan's power-generating reactor. To be economically viable, a reprocessing plant should service several nuclear power plants but Pakistan has only one reactor operating.

Admittedly, the Gandhi government had unwisely set off a nuclear explosion with no benefits to a developing country such as India save that of antagonising friends such as the U.S. and Canada, but Pakistan's attempts to involve volatile mid-Eastern politics into its own quest for the N-bomb poses a much larger threat to world peace.

Islam, like other religions of the world, preaches friendship and respect for others. To send hundreds before the firing squad for political reasons as in Iran and to produce an Islamic Bomb as Pakistan is attempting, go against the teachings of that religion.

U.S dollar

Bombay, June 15 (UNI) - The United States Dollar has become cheaper by 20 Paise following the Reserve Bank's revision of the rates for buying and selling U.S. Dollar, currency notes by the Banks and Money Changers.

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Army mans police stations

Ahmedabad (Gujarat) - June 15 (UNI) - The Army was manning police stations in the western city as policemen, including sub-inspectors and inspectors, deserted their posts.

Even traffic constables joined the agitation. The heavy traffic on main roads went haywire causing several traffic jams.

The agitating policemen also took out a 7,000 strong procession and marched to a police station to force the release of their President, A. R. Singh, who was arrested and lodged in the lock up there May 31.

A senior police official said six platoons of the Army had been detailed to man the police stations.

In the northern Indian state of Rajasthan, representatives of the agitating policemen and State Government authorities continued to negotiate peace late May 31 night, and with no immediate solution in sight, both sides continued to prepare for a confrontation.

As reports of police agitation activists fanning out in the rural areas of Rajasthan poured in the state headquarters of Jaipur, the authorities also stepped up their preparation for action against the agitating policemen.

The agitation in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh was in low key on the 11th day May 31.

There were street demonstrations in three towns and slogan shouting during roll call at some places, including the state capital Bhopal.

The para-military Central Reserve Police has been alerted

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More tourists

New Delhi (IBS) — International tourist arrivals in India during the 1978 calendar year registered an increase of 16.8 per cent over 1977.

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KITCHEN

By Pranati Sen

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2 cups water
1 cup chopped cooked chicken
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¼ cup chopped scallions

Heat 6 tbsp. oil in a skillet and tightly browned. Mix the crum paste and water, pour over rice casserole, cover and place in a until all the liquid is absorbe remaining oil, fry the chicken through the cooked rice. Adju and scallions.

FRENCH GARLIC BREAD

1 long French loaf
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KITCHEN KORNER

By Pranati SenGupta

BIRTHDAY FEAST

AMERICAN PILAFF

1 tbsp. oil
1 cup plus 2 tbsp. long-grain rice
½ cup chopped onion
3 chicken bouillon cubes
½ cup tomato paste
2 cups water
1 cup chopped cooked chicken
½ cup chopped cooked ham
½ cup almonds, fried or baked
¼ cup chopped scallions

Heat 6 tbsp. oil in a skillet and slowly cook the rice and onions until lightly browned. Mix the crumbled bouillon cubes with the tomato paste and water, pour over rice, and stir until boiling. Transfer to a casserole, cover and place in a 350F oven. Cook for 35 to 40 minutes until all the liquid is absorbed and the rice is tender. Heat the remaining oil, fry the chicken, and ham, for 2 minutes, and stir through the cooked rice. Adjust seasoning and top with almonds and scallions.

FRENCH GARLIC BREAD

1 long French loaf
2 cloves of garlic
½ cup (8 oz.) butter

You will probably have to cut the loaf in half as there are not many ovens long enough to hold an unbroken French loaf. With a sharp knife, cut the bread in slices almost to the bottom, being careful not to sever the slices. Peel and crush the garlic and mash thoroughly into the butter. Spread the garlic butter generously on both sides of the bread slices. Wrap loosely in aluminum foil and place in a 400F. oven for 10 to 15 minutes, until the bread is crisp and golden. Serve hot, each person tearing off his own slice.

Morarji anti-Catholic : Bishop

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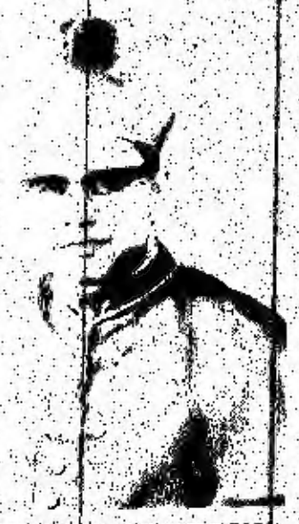

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In a brief chat with this reporter the archbishop recalled some of his previous pleasant experiences in Portland Oregon, where, during the early 1960's he spent a few years as a graduate student. Asked to comment on the 'Freedom of Religions' bill introduced in parliament by O.P. Tyagi, the archbishop observed that Prime Minister, Morarji Desai is anti-catholic". The bill, he said, faced vigorous opposition from various Indian Christian groups including the much respected Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It is a gross infringement of the constitutional rights of minority Christians, said the archbishop.

When pressed further, the archbishop was candid enough to admit that there were instances, especially in poverty stricken pockets of North eastern India where foreign missionaries could have used economic or medical aid as an inducement for their proselytization campaign.

While the rejection of proselytism on principle is regarded by many Hindus as an important part of religious tolerance, Christianity like Islam relies on conversion as a viable approach to augment its numerical strength.

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Voices from the past

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI) - A number of recordings of recitals by leading musicians and speeches of national leaders from the archives of All India Radio are now available to the public.

The recordings released so far through commercial gramophone companies include 18 long play records of Mahatma Gandhi's voice and the speeches of Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Dr. Zakir Hussain and Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri.

The music releases feature Onkar Nath Thakur, D.V. Paluskar, Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Allauddin Khan, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, G.N. Balasubramaniam, Panna Lal Ghosh and Begum Akhtar.

AIR's archives contain a collection of over 21,500 tapes. They are recordings of light, folk and classical music, recitations from the classics and recordings of eminent Indian and foreign leaders.

Taj affected by stone cancer

Agra, June 18 (UNI) - The stone cancer afflicting Taj Mahal is showing sure signs of proliferation, according to sources close to the Archaeological Survey of India.

Recent monitoring and analysis of the marble by the Survey's chemists have revealed discolouration, formation of gypsum on the marble surface and flaking and blackening of the fractured areas. The stones have the appearance of being scalded at some places.

The sources revealed that chemical preservatives, applied to prevent deterioration of the marble, have produced no results.

Several commercial firms, foreign as well as subsidiaries of foreign multi-nationals, have entered their products on a trial basis.

The sources say that besides being impractical, the application of preservatives has shown adverse effects in other countries.

Pak bomb not islamic

New Delhi (IBS) - Arab countries have denied that they were extending any financial or technical assistance to Pakistan to make an "Islamic nuclear bomb." External Affairs Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee disclosed here.

Returning home from a visit to Kuwait, United Arab Emiratesn Iraq and Syria, Vajpayee told newsmen the claim that the bomb sought to be produced by Pakistan was "Islamic" was being ridiculed in some of these countries.

Sant Singh wins battle, loses war

By Robert Sheppard

Ottawa - A federal Government economist who was denied a raise after running as a Progressive Conservative candidate in the 1974 federal election has been awarded $9,300 in damages.

In making the award to Sant Singh, a $30,000-a-year employee of the Department of Health and Welfare, J.D. O'Shea, an adjudicator with the Public Service Staff Relations Board, reaffirmed an earlier decision that Mr. Singh was the victim of "political bias."

However, for Mr. Singh the long-awaited adjudicator's decision was a moral but hollow victory.

Three days after the May 22 federal election, in which he again ran as a Conservative candidate in the western Quebec riding of Pontiac-Gatineau-Labelle, a Health and Welfare delivery truck trudged the 60-mile round trip to Mr. Singh's farm with a letter informing him that he is to be laid off on June 29.

"It really hurt," Mr. Singh said in an interview yesterday.

"They could have waited a couple of days until I returned ... or until the new Government took over to see what they were going to do. You don't have to kick a man when he's down," said Mr. Singh, who was still on a leave of absence to contest the election when the letter was delivered.

In both election attempts, the 42-year-old Mr. Singh was defeated handily by Liberal incumbent Thomas Lefebvre and received only about 6,000 votes.

A Health and Welfare employee since 1967, Mr. Singh was one of three in his division whose positions were declared surplus by the former Liberal Government's restraint program last fall.

He has filed a grievance over that decision and also wants David Crombie, the Minister of Health and Welfare in the new Conservative Government, to look into the timing of his layoff notice to see if it had political motives as well.

The decision by the staff relations board concludes a five-year process in which there were seven formal hearings on the matter; two by the Federal Court of Appeal, which ordered new hearings into the complaint, three by the staff relations board and two departmental hearings, the only two to find against Mr. Singh.

In his recent decision, Mr. O'Shea said: "I find nothing in the evidence which has been presented subsequent to the first hearing in this matter which would in any way cast doubt upon my findings of political bias."

He also said that the contradictory evidence presented by senior department officials at the first hearing as well as their failure to testify at subsequent hearings "not only undermines the purpose of grievance adjudication, but it also tends to demonstrate a reprehensible disdain for the process which is contrary to the purpose and intent of the legislation."

Globe and Mail

Anjali praised

New Delhi: (By Our Dance Critic)

The sincerity and devotion to Indian arts of young Mrs. Anne-Marie Gaston should be an object lesson to many an Indian aspirant. She has learnt the different styles of Indian dancing the hard way, both in regard to theory and practice. In this venture she has been twice-blessed in having an equally zealous husband in Mr. Gaston, whose saucy and informative announcements are a great asset to her. Her recital in the Bharathanatyam style at the Canadian High Commission was delectable.

The centre-piece, Bhavayami, a composition of Maharaja Swati-Tirunal encompassing the Ramayana in a nutshell came off effectively. The way she clinched the sequence, revealed commendable gifts of choreography. The change-overs were smooth and precise. The jathis that were woven into the pattern were fitting and got matching footwork from her. There was grace in the adavus and one could not ask for more. Gaston's introduction was apt and complementary. The padam, Govardhanagiridhari, brought out the attributes of Lord Krishna, how he held the hillock on his fingers to save the people of Mathura from devastating pain. The thillanas was structually sound and got fine interpretation from her. The illustration by slides served as a useful complement.

Akila Krishnan gave tuneful vocal support and Dakshinamoorthy conducted the recital with competence and confidence. After all, Annie was his first student and their rapport was complete.

(Indian Express)

Anjali will be in Canada from mid June.

Money power?

Bombay (IBS) - Industries Minister George Fernandez told a textile seminar here that big industrial houses had "access to the confidential files" of some of the Central Ministries.

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Gujarati school's annual

The Gujarati language and cultural school of Ottawa held its gala annual function on Saturday June 2nd at 4 p.m. at J.S. Woodsworth School.

This was also the schools 1st anniversary celebrations. They had invited Indian organizations in Ottawa to join them in the celebrations and other Indian language and cultural schools to participate in the program by providing cultural items. **Ankur (Bengali School), Dance School, Mukul and South India Cultural School** are among the participants. The end result was a very enjoyable afternoon's entertainment by children from different sectors of the Indian community. After the program, about 250 people who attended the program were treated with delectable five item Indian snacks.

It is no easy task to run a school of this nature and wind up for the summer with a very successful and orderly event like this one. Congratualtions to the students, parents and teachers **(Hansa Joshi, Sudha Kanbero, Indu Mehta, Kumud Shah and Thanker Vansh)** of the **Gujarati School.**

This school was started in January 1978 with the cooperation and help from several members of the community and the Indo-Canadian Community Centre (ICCC) of Ottawa. During the last session the school had 45 students in four levels — elementary, junior, senior and an additonal class just for teaching conversation. The last one is meant for those in higher secondary and university level. The classes are held every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. — one hour devoted for teaching the language and the other for culture, which also covers religion, geography, etc. They have already acquired about 700 books for their library and have plans to expand it further. They are also in touch with its counter part in Toronto to exchange ideas.

The school is run with grants from federal and provincial governments in addition to the $10.00 registration fee per child (or $20.00 per family).

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